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GW NAMES ROGER TRANGSRUD AS LAW SCHOOL INTERIM DEAN

WASHINGTON – GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald R. Lehman announced today the appointment of Roger H. Trangsrud as interim dean of the GW Law School, effective June 1. A 22-year veteran of the Law School, Trangsrud will replace Dean Michael K. Young who leaves GW this summer to become the president of The University of Utah.

“The Law School is in experienced hands with Dean Trangsrud,” said Trachtenberg. “His two decades of service with us will be invaluable in keeping the school moving forward as one of the nation’s premier institutes of legal education.”

Trangsrud’s other positions at GW include serving as senior associate dean for academic affairs and the Oswald Symister Colclough Research Professor of Law.

“It is my pleasure to welcome Roger to the Council of Deans,” said Lehman. “He is an admired, well-respected member of the Law School community whose experience as an educator and administrator make him the right person to carry on the school’s academic momentum in this time of transition.”

“I am deeply honored that President Trachtenberg and Executive Vice President Lehman have selected me to serve the Law School in this way,” added Trangsrud. “In the coming year, I look forward to continuing the academic initiatives, the building plans, and the overall institutional agenda that Michael Young and the law faculty have established for the Law School.”

After serving on the University of Chicago Law Review, Trangsrud clerked for Justice Walter Rogosheske of the Minnesota Supreme Court and practiced law with the D.C. firm of Hogan & Hartson. In 1982 he joined the faculty of the Law School, where he has taught civil procedure, federal jurisdiction, remedies and complex litigation. His writings are primarily in the fields of complex litigation and jurisdiction. In 1993 he was appointed associate dean for academic affairs and in 2000 he was appointed senior associate dean for academic affairs. Recently, he co-authored a new casebook, *Complex Litigation and the Adversary System*, and a treatise on *Complex Litigation: Problems in Advanced Civil Procedure*.

The University has established a Search Committee to find Dean Young’s replacement. The committee includes faculty members Roger Schechter (chair), Peter Raven-Hansen (vice chair), Cheryl Block, Karen Brown, Todd Peterson, Ralph Steinhardt, Robert Tuttle and GW Vice President and General Counsel Dennis Blumer. Young joined the Law School as dean in 1998 and also served as Lobingier Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence. Alumni and Student Advisory Committees will supplement the Search Committee in their mission.

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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY TO BE CLOSED FRIDAY, JUNE 11

University Community to Observe National Day of Mourning for President Ronald Reagan

WASHINGTON – In observance of the national day of mourning declared by President George W. Bush for the late President Ronald Reagan and in recognition of the special relationship between President Reagan and his family and The George Washington University, the University will be closed on Friday, June 11, 2004.

On Friday, June 11, only, all classes will be cancelled and business operations closed. However, designated employees should consult with their supervisors to confirm that they should report to work. All others need not report. The GW Hospital will be open and operating on a normal schedule.

“On behalf of the University community, I offer our condolences to the Reagan family,” said GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. “President Reagan was an inspirational leader and a dear friend to The George Washington University. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family as we honor his life and his legacy and mourn his passing.”

After being shot by a would-be assassin in 1981, President Reagan received life-saving treatment at The George Washington University Hospital from a group of 65 doctors and nurses headed by Dr. Joseph Giordano, who was the chief of the Trauma Team, Dr. Benjamin Aaron, one of the lead surgeons, and Drs. Sol Edelstein, Samuel Spagnola and Jack Zimmerman, who attended to President Reagan through his first night after the surgery.

Ten years after his admission into the GW Hospital, President Reagan returned to the University to receive an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree. Additionally, GW placed a plaque in the hospital’s emergency room honoring Nancy Reagan for her courage and determination during her husband’s hospitalization.

At that time, GW also dedicated the Ronald Reagan Institute of Emergency Medicine at the GW Medical Center to formalize and expand upon the University’s existing research and education in emergency medicine. Today, The Reagan Institute serves to strengthen the health and welfare of our local, national and international communities through the provision of research, education, and training. The objectives of the Reagan Institute are successfully achieved through initiatives related to the enhancement of emergency medical services throughout the world, the medical aspects of disaster planning, preparedness and response, and injury prevention and control.

For future updates, please visit the GW Campus Advisories Web site, which can be accessed from the University’s homepage at www.gwu.edu and click on the link to “Campus Advisories” or call the University’s Recorded Information Line at 202-994-5050.

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**GW HOSTS FREE WORKSHOP ON THE MERITS OF HIRING A PERSON WITH A
DISABILITY FOR LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS
JULY 21**

**Panel of Experts to Discuss “The Business Case and Overcoming Fear: Examining the
Disconnect Between HR and the Hiring Manager” for D.C. Business Leadership Network’s
Quarterly Training**

EVENT: The George Washington University will host a panel discussion among human resources professionals and hiring managers who hired a person with a disability. Participants are encouraged to bring their questions for the panel about this challenging issue. Panel members include: Rhonda Fox, manager of administration, benefits and records at SAIC; Dana Franz, mortgage customer contact manager and senior vice president, SunTrust Bank; James Kramer, director of supply chain management, The George Washington University; and Lynne Sport, director of human resources and administration at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 21, 2004
9:30 – 11 a.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Marvin Center, Room 307
800 21st Street NW, Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro Station, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: Free and open to the public. RSVP to the GW Office of Equal Employment Opportunity by phone at (202) 994-9656, TTD at (202) 994-9650, or e-mail at eeo@gwu.edu. Interpreter services are available upon request.

BACKGROUND:

The George Washington University has served as the lead employer for The District of Columbia Business Leadership Network (DCBLN) since September 2001. The DCBLN is a chapter member of the U.S. Business Leadership Network (www.usbln.com).

As DCBLN’s lead employer, GW hosts this seminar series on a quarterly basis through its Office of Equal Employment Opportunity to educate businesses on the merits of hiring persons with disabilities. The quarterly sessions feature guest speakers who address best practices and other topics for employers interested in expanding the diversity of their staffs by hiring persons with disabilities. Feedback from past seminar attendees has been consistently positive.

**For more information about this seminar or the DCBLN contact Cynthia Richardson-Crooks
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HYDROGEN FUEL ALTERNATIVES TOPIC OF TWO GW CONFERENCES

Law School Conference is First of its Kind in the United States, Public Policy Conference Discussed Crucial Hydrogen Technology Issues

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University held two conferences this week on hydrogen technologies for leading policymakers, members of key industries, professionals from the non-profit sector and experts from academia.

On Friday, June 11, GW's Law School held its J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Environmental Law Conference, "Legal Issues In Developing Hydrogen Technologies," where experts in the fields of environmental and energy law, intellectual property law, international law and procurement and tort law discussed legal issues related to the development and deployment of hydrogen technologies. This event on hydrogen legal issues was the first of its kind in the United States.

GW's School of Public Policy and Public Administration (SPPPA) also hosted a one-day conference, "Hydrogen Technologies: Setting the Policy Research Agenda," on Thursday, June 10. This conference was sponsored by General Motors, UTC Power, a division of United Technologies Corporation, ChevronTexaco, Dana Corporation and Dupont,

At this conference, leading experts in the hydrogen industry gathered for an "off the record" public policy dialogue. They discussed documenting lessons learned in technology change relevant to the hydrogen arena; identifying policy options related to hydrogen technologies and the research needed to refine such options; and sharpening public policy goals based on alternative energy and climate scenarios.

"The conference offered opportunities to share innovative ideas, to think creatively and to strategize about how best to put collective understanding to work toward the development of a policy research agenda for hydrogen technologies," said Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald R. Lehman in remarks to the public policy conference attendees. "Endeavors such as yours represent the very best that universities have to offer – the opportunity to create and share knowledge that guides the pursuit of solutions to the most critical challenges we face as a global community."

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The School of Public Policy and Public Administration (SPPPA) in GW's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences is a focal point for public affairs education, research and public service at GW. SPPPA degree programs include the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A), including a J.D./M.P.A. joint degree program, the Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.), including a J.D./M.P.P. joint degree program and M.P.P./Ph.D. in political science dual degree program, and the Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration.

For more information about GW's SPPPA, visit www.gwu.edu/~spppa.

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**PRESIDENT TRACHTENBERG AND THE GW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCE RECIPIENTS OF ALUMNI SERVICE AWARDS**

**Four Alumni Honored for their Dedicated Volunteer Efforts in Support of
GW Programs During GW Alumni Association's Annual Meeting**

WASHINGTON – GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and The George Washington Alumni Association (GWAA) have announced the recipients of the GW Alumni Service Awards for 2004. The four awardees were honored for advancing the mission of the University at a reception on June 9 on the 7th Floor of 1957 E Street, NW.

"We are very proud of this year's award recipients as they continue to represent GW in their professional endeavors as well as through continued contributions to the University," said Trachtenberg. "They have given their time and energy back to GW in an immeasurable way over the years and are an inspiration to all of us."

This year's recipients are:

Marilyn K. Gowing, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS), Ph.D.'81

Gowing has been an active CCAS alumna since receiving her doctorate in psychology. In her former position as director of personnel resources and development center at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, she arranged for GW graduate students to access research data they were able to use for theses and dissertations. Gowing also founded service learning and internship positions for GW undergraduates. Additionally, she endowed the Gowing Travel Award, providing travel grants to doctoral students in industrial and organization psychology to present papers at professional conferences.

Robert E. Kemelhor, School of Engineering and Applied Science, B.S.M.E.'49

Kemelhor has been a board member of GW's Engineering Alumni Association since 1995. After retiring from The Johns Hopkins University, Kemelhor organized and created the mission of the Senior Scientists and Engineers (SSE), an organization of scientists, engineers, educators, physicians and other professionals who volunteer their services to support the needs of government, education and the community. Today, he serves as the SSE vice-chairman for grant programs.

Joseph A. Kiehl, Elliott School of International Affairs (ESIA), B.A.'72, M.A.'86

Kiehl has been an active member of the Elliott School Alumni Association (ESAA) for several years. His interest in Africa led him to organize an event in 2000 for ESIA with the National Security Advisor and head of intelligence of Rwanda to discuss key issues with faculty and students. He organized ESAA events in January 2002 with Kofer Black, head of the CIA's Counterterrorism Division, and in April 2003 at the Ethiopian Embassy. In the 1990s, he hosted the GW baseball team in his Florida home, was a mentor to an Elliott School graduate student and served as the ESAA representative to the GWAA.

William V. Quinn, School of Business, M.B.A.'92

Quinn is president of the School of Business Alumni Association and a member of the school's Board of Advisors. He advises several students and regularly participates on career center panels. Under his leadership, the School of Business Alumni Association has begun an aggressive recruiting effort and has created an ambitious event schedule. The events will allow for broader networking possibilities between alumni and current students, as well as provide alumni with opportunities to become more involved with the University and support the business leaders of the future.

The Alumni Service Award is given to alumni who advance the mission of the University through dedicated volunteer efforts in support of GW programs, thereby ensuring the University's impact on the community and future generations of students. Their service has extended over several years and impacted many students, alumni and friends of the University.

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GW ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF MARGARET AND EDWARD GNEHM SUMMER HONORS PROGRAM IN ARABIC LANGUAGE STUDIES

Program Builds Arabic Language Skills; Provides Tuition Grants; and Addresses Rising Demand by Government Agencies and Global Businesses for Arabic Speakers

WASHINGTON – Thirty-one honors students at The George Washington University are currently enrolled in the Margaret and Edward Gnehm Summer Honors Program in Arabic Language Studies through the GW Classics Department and University Honors Program. Qualified applicants receive full-tuition grants for the special 12-week summer program.

“With this curriculum GW steps up to serve our country and the international community in a positive way,” said GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. “Educating our students to facilitate communication with the Arab world is one way that GW can be part of the solution to the global challenges of our times.”

The program is in direct response to America’s need for Arabic-speaking citizens in the aftermath of September 11 to support intelligence, military and diplomatic missions, as well as to foster enhanced communications with Arab communities both domestically and globally. From the 1996-1997 academic year to 2003-2004, GW has witnessed a 107 percent increase in enrollment in Arabic language studies. Nationally, enrollment in college-level Arabic studies nearly doubled between 1998 and 2002, though the study of Arabic in the United States remains relatively modest compared to other foreign languages.

Grae Baxter, interim director, University Honors Program, added, “GW has always taken a leadership role in international affairs and honors curricula. This intensive summer session can be a transforming experience for the students as it provides not only language skills, but also a connection to the Arabic culture.”

The Margaret and Edward Gnehm Summer Honors Program in Arabic Language Studies was formed through the inspiration and support of Ambassador and Mrs. Gnehm. Ambassador Gnehm is a former member of the GW Board of Trustees and U.S. Ambassador to Jordan, Australia and Kuwait, during which time he raised the American flag over the U.S. Embassy after the liberation of Kuwait in 1991. The career diplomat, Middle East specialist and GW alumnus will begin his two-year appointment at the Elliott School of International Affairs in September. He also will serve as co-director of the school’s undergraduate program in international affairs.

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**GW PRESIDENT STEPHEN JOEL TRACHTENBERG RECEIVES HANNIBAL CLUB USA AWARD
FOR ADVANCING AWARENESS OF ARABIC CULTURE AND INTERFAITH TOLERANCE**

Club Promotes Ties Between the Republic of Tunisia and the United States

WASHINGTON – The Hannibal Club USA honors The George Washington University President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg tonight at a dinner in Washington, D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams will introduce Trachtenberg, who will accept the Hannibal Club USA Award for Service, which is given each year to a prominent American in recognition of efforts to strengthen friendship between the United States and the Republic of Tunisia.

“President Trachtenberg has lent his commitment, conviction and energy to fostering multicultural understanding,” said Tunisian Ambassador Hatem Atallah. “We recognize tonight your stalwart friendship, your consistent support, your participation as a founding member of the Hannibal Club USA, and your service in strengthening cooperation among our cultures and countries.”

Trachtenberg, a founding member of the Hannibal Club USA, has spoken in Tunisia on tolerance and interfaith themes and continues to promote the understanding of Arab culture, most recently through the Margaret and Edward Gnehm Summer Honors Program in Arabic Language Studies. His wife, Francine Zorn Trachtenberg, is the president of the D.C. Jewish Community Center. Two GW students, Loren Clark-Moe and Emanuel Dash, will be joining the awards dinner after winning a competition at GW’s Arabic Language Center in which they were asked to speak in Arabic about themselves and the Arabic Center, which Trachtenberg established.

“I am honored to join the company of previous award winners and such accomplished public citizens as Senator Daniel Inouye, Senator Ted Stevens, former Secretary of State and Treasury James A. Baker III, Congressman Ben Gilman and the late Senator Paul Simon,” said Trachtenberg. “I commend the Hannibal Club USA mission to strengthen cultural understanding and economic links between the United States and Tunisia, as well as the Mediterranean basin, and the dedication of the political, government and business leaders who disseminate the message of the organization.”

Ambassador Atallah and Hannibal Club USA President Ambassador Robert H. Pelletreau Jr., who served as the U.S. Ambassador to Tunisia from 1987 to 1991, will present the honor to Trachtenberg. The award, a sculptured bust of the warrior Hannibal in his youth, is named after the great Carthaginian general Hannibal Barca (246-183 B.C.), who is regarded as one of history’s finest military strategists and who was a champion of regional trade and commerce. After his military career he was suffete or ruler of Carthage, governing well and equitably as chief magistrate.

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The Hannibal Club USA is part of a global network, launched from Tunis, with chapters in Europe and Asia. The organization in the United States provides an opportunity to build on Tunisia's already strong diplomatic ties that span more than two centuries. The network chapters have helped broaden Tunisia's cultural and economic links with each of these regions.

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**REPRESENTATIVE CHIEN-JEN CHEN OF THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL
REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE TO RECEIVE THE GW PRESIDENT'S MEDAL
JUNE 22**

WHAT: **Representative Chien-Jen Chen** of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Washington, D.C. will receive The George Washington University President's Medal, for his outstanding achievements and his extraordinary contribution to the international community.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 22, 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Lindner Family Commons, Sixth Floor
1957 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro Station, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to (202) 994-7129 by June 21.

BACKGROUND:

Representative Chien-Jen Chen of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office has had a long and accomplished career in foreign service and has served as a liaison between his homeland and the United States for nearly three decades. Chen began his first tour of duty at the Embassy of the Republic of China in Washington, D.C., where he ultimately rose to first secretary in 1979. For the next 22 years, Chen held numerous senior positions with the Coordination Council for North American Affairs Office in the United States and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He chaired the foreign affairs committee while serving in the Legislative Yuan and in 1999 became minister of foreign affairs. Chen is an associate professor at the Graduate School of Diplomacy at the National Chengchi University. He has held the position of representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States since 2000.

Established in 1988, The George Washington University's President's Medal is the highest honor awarded by the president of the University, Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. The President's Medal recognizes the distinctive achievements of each recipient. Past medal recipients include Vaclav Havel, Victor Borge, Walter Cronkite, Abba Eban and Gilbert Grosvenor.

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GW TO HOST DISCUSSION TELEVISION PROGRAM

"AMERICA AND TURKEY: THE ROAD AHEAD"

JUNE 24

This Unique Event Includes Real Time Interaction with the U.S. and Turkey

- WHAT:** "America and Turkey: The Road Ahead," a special television discussion program hosted by The George Washington University will bring together senior policy makers and students from both the United States and Turkey, including GW, Harvard, Princeton, Koç, Bilkent and Boğaziçi. With President Bush's visit to Istanbul for the NATO summit, America Abroad Media and CNN Turk will broadcast this two-hour dialogue to Turkey, the Middle East and Iraq and aired on public radio stations worldwide.
- WHO:** **Egemen Bağış**, deputy, Turkish parliament representing Istanbul; **Kemal Derviş**, former vice president of the World Bank; **Marvin Kalb**, senior fellow, Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy at Harvard University; and **Rep. Robert Wexler (D-FL)**, senior member of the U.S. House of Representatives International Relations Committee and the ranking democrat of the Europe Subcommittee.
- WHEN:** Thursday, June 24, 10 a.m. - Noon
- WHERE:** The George Washington University
Jack Morton Auditorium
805 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro Station, Blue and Orange lines)
- COST:** Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to use@gwu.edu or (202) 994-7129.

BACKGROUND:

Students and policymakers will participate in a two-hour discussion that will address the key issues of U.S.-Turkish relations and the future of Iraq; U.S. foreign policy and the 2004 presidential election; America Europe and Turkey's accession to the EU; and the U.S.-Turkish relationship and public opinion in Turkey and America. This event is sponsored by the German Marshall Fund, an American public policy and grantmaking institution dedicated to promoting greater cooperation and understanding between the United States and Europe.

For more information on this event, contact Aaron Lobel at (202) 828-1282

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GW DANCE PROFESSOR MAIDA WITHERS CREATES SOCIAL/POLITICAL SITE-SPECIFIC WORKS IN RUSSIA

**Maida Withers Dance Construction Company to Perform at TOUCH3 Festival in Arkhangelsk, Russia,
July 12-15, and at ArtAngar Festival on Russia's Solovki Islands, July 18-23**

WASHINGTON — Maida Withers, professor of dance at The George Washington University, and members of the Maida Withers Dance Construction Company will be guest artists at two festivals in Russia during July. The company will take part in *Pressureless* at the Third International Festival of Contemporary Dance TOUCH3, July 12-15 in Arkhangelsk, Russia, and *Solosphere* at the ArtAngar Festival, July 18-23 on the Solovki Islands, located in the White Sea in Northwest Russia.

Thresholds Crossed, the title of Withers' performances, expresses the human conditions resulting from isolation and deprivation, as well as the power of ritual and community in transformation. Traveling with Withers, who serves as the company's choreographer, will be vocalist/cellist Audrey Chen, dancer Anthony Gongora and filmmaker Linda Lewett. The Dance Construction Company will be joined at each festival by dance companies and visual artists from Finland and Russia.

For TOUCH3 in Arkhangelsk, a leading Russian port, the company will perform in the historic Arkhangelsk City Theatre complex. Withers also will create improvisation performances in Malye Karely, an historic outdoor museum of ancient wooden architecture and suspended sidewalks, and in the Arkhangelsk Art Museum, which features artifacts from the earliest indigenous settlers in the region.

In Solovki, Withers and collaborators will create site-specific work for the famous Solovetsky Monastery. The monastery, founded by hermit monks in the 15th century, consists of a fortified structure known as a Kremlin and of the Gulag, the brutal forced labor camps established by Josef Stalin. Performance rituals will be constructed in Solovki near the sites of the largest Neolithic settlements (stone labyrinths, burial mounds and other stone configurations) in Northern Europe.

"My responses to the human suffering that took place in the spaces (prisons) in Solovki will be heightened by the dramatic photographic images of abuse circulating from Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib," said Withers.

The participation of Maida Withers and The Dance Construction Company is made possible by support from The Trust for Mutual Understanding in New York, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and The George Washington University. The festivals in Russia are supported by the Culture Department of Arkhangelsk region, Russian Dance Theatres Network, the Ford Foundation in Russia, the Nordic Council of Ministers and private sponsors in Arkhangelsk and Solovki. TOUCH3 is organized by the Center for Contemporary Dance and Performance "Dance without borders," sponsored by the City of Arkhangelsk and co-directed by Elena Rogushina, Nikolai Schetnev and Vera Andreeva. The ArtAngar Festival is sponsored by the ArtAngar Center and directed by Luba Kuznetsova of Moscow. This tour marks Withers' seventh trip to Russia since 1997. During last year's 300th anniversary celebration of the founding of St. Petersburg the company presented a multi-media performance of *Dance of the Auroras – Fire in the Sky*.

For more news about the Maida Withers Dance Construction Company, visit www.maidadance.com.

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**NATIONAL JOURNAL NAMES TWO GW LAW PROFESSORS AMONG NATION'S
LEADING EXPERTS ON CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS**

WASHINGTON – *National Journal* has identified GW Law School professors Ira Lupu and Robert Tuttle as being among America's leading experts whom D.C. policy-makers look to the most in shaping the nation's major policy debates. *National Journal* cited Lupu and Tuttle for their contribution to church-state issues in general, and specifically to the debate over President Bush's faith-based initiative. Lupu and Tuttle are the co-directors of the GW Project on Law and Religious Institutions and of the Legal Tracking Project of the Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare (www.religionandsocialpolicy.org), which studies government partnerships with faith-based organizations in the delivery of social services.

"We are very gratified at this public recognition of our efforts to make a contribution to the study of religion-state relations," said Lupu. "We are extremely grateful for the support we have received in this effort by GW Law School, the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy."

Tuttle added, "It's a very exciting time to be working in the field of law and religion, and we are honored to be included among those identified by *National Journal*."

National Journal identified 113 Americans who "are likely to be used, or are already being used, by legislators and policy makers" in plotting the nation's course through 10 critical areas: church and state, intelligence reform, workforce quality, Social Security, China, same-sex marriage, global warming, drug pricing, weapons threats and bioengineering. According to the magazine, "experts are the people the politicians will call on when they get serious about addressing an important public policy issue." Published since 1969, *National Journal* is a leading publication on politics, policy and government.

Lupu, who is GW's F. Elwood & Eleanor Davis Professor of Law, joined the GW Law School faculty in 1990. He is a nationally recognized scholar in constitutional law with an emphasis on the religion clauses of the First Amendment.

Tuttle joined the faculty in 1994. After graduating from GW Law School in 1991, he earned a Ph.D. in religious ethics from the University of Virginia. Tuttle teaches in the areas of property, trusts and estates, jurisprudence and professional responsibility.

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**NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO OMBUDSMAN JEFFREY DVORKIN RECEIVES SHAPIRO
FELLOWSHIP TO GW'S SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

WASHINGTON—Jeffrey Dvorkin, ombudsman for National Public Radio, joins The George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA) as the J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Fellow for the 2004 fall semester. He will teach, “News Media Accountability and Management,” a seminar on how news media managers can support quality journalism while maintaining organizational credibility and viability.

“Jeffrey has had a distinguished career as a news executive and journalist,” said SMPA Interim Director Albert L. May. “A prominent professional, he will enrich the education of our students by exposing them to important issues confronting media organizations today.”

The Shapiro Fellowship program, funded by the J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Charitable Trust, brings to SMPA respected professionals who teach, advise and encourage students to think about media and public affairs. Past fellows include Dorothy Gilliam, formerly of *The Washington Post*, John Dancy, formerly of NBC, and White House press corps veteran Helen Thomas.

Dvorkin is the NPR listener’s representative and handles their questions and complaints. His weekly column at www.npr.org/yourturn/ombudsman covers issues of NPR journalism and media accountability. Dvorkin first started at NPR in 1997 as vice president of news and information, responsible for the national and international radio news and information service heard by 23 million Americans. Prior to that he was the chief journalist and managing editor for Canadian Broadcasting Corporation where he chaired the CBC media subcommittee and was responsible for ensuring high journalistic standards and practices.

From 1993-1997, he co-chaired the EuroRadio, radio committee in Geneva. An occasional lecturer, Dvorkin’s appearances include the U.S. State Department and universities including Emerson College, Harvard University and Johns Hopkins University. He holds a master’s degree in philosophy from the London School of Economics and obtained his bachelor’s degree in history and French literature at the University of Alberta and a master of arts in modern French history at the University of Toronto. Currently, he is president of the Organization of News Ombudsmen.

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**GW'S SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO HOST CAMP PROVIDING
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Speakers to Include CBS News Correspondent Joie Chen, NBC "Meet the Press" Host Tim Russert, White House Press Veteran Helen Thomas, Former Washington Post Reporter Carl Bernstein and Former ABC World News Tonight Anchor Carole Simpson

WASHINGTON— Forty-two multi-cultural high school students from around the country will attend "J Camp," a six-day intensive journalism training program at The George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs (SMPA) from July 30-August 4, 2004. Organized by the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), students selected through a nationwide application process, will study writing, broadcasting and photography from experienced journalists with national media organizations.

"We are delighted to be a sponsor of J Camp," said SMPA Interim Director Albert L. May. "This program underscores our commitment to educating the next generation of journalists with an eye to increasing diversity in the newsroom."

J Camp speakers will include CBS News correspondent **Joie Chen**, NBC "Meet the Press" host **Tim Russert**, White House press corps veteran **Helen Thomas**, *Washington Post* reporter of Watergate fame **Carl Bernstein** and former ABC "World News Tonight" anchor **Carole Simpson**, who also is a member of SMPA's National Council.

"AAJA is so pleased to have GW host one of its most important programs," said AAJA National President Mae Cheng. "The history of the university and its central location to all of Washington, D.C. makes it an ideal place for us to train the next generation of journalists." AAJA is the nation's largest professional organization for Asian Pacific American journalists.

J Camp participants will reside on the GW campus and attend workshops and lectures in the Media and Public Affairs Building. Students also will be provided an opportunity to interact with other aspiring journalists. Student costs are completely covered, including airfare, housing and meals. J Camp is made possible through contributions to the AAJA Challenge Fund for Journalism, with additional support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, American Airlines, Chevron Texaco, The George Washington University, *Knight Ridder*, The McClatchy Company and *The Washington Post*.

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